

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification, please amend the paragraph as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

A¹ This application ~~is based on~~ claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-300975 filed September 29, 2000 and 2000-311229 filed October 11, 2000, the ~~content~~ contents of which are incorporated hereinto by reference.